GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:63
ANSWERED ON:21.02.2003
EXPORT OF WHEAT AND RICE
BIR SING MAHATO

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of wheat and rice exported against the target fixed during each of the last two years alongwith the foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to boost the exports of these commodities?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.63 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21-02-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): Several measures such as the following have been initiated to promote the export of foodgrains from the Central Pool:-

(i) There are no procedural restrictions like registration with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority in case of export of wheat, wheat products and non-basmati rice.

(ii) A Standing Committee on Export meets regularly to review the steps required to be takenon matters relating to export of foodgrains.

(iii) In order to bring about a stable price regime, the offer price of export of wheat and rice from the Central Pool is fixed for a period of 3 months, with an additional month given for lifting of stocks. The prices are announced 45 days in advance, before the commencement of the concerned quarter.

(iv) WTO compatible post-delivery expenses and other related expenses are being allowed to the exporters.

No specific targets for exports were determined during the last two years viz. 2000-01 and 2001-02.

Quantum and value of Wheat and Rice exported during 2000-01 and 2001-02

(quantity `000 tonnes)
(Value: Rs. Crores)

Commodity	April 2000-March 2001 (P)		April 2001-March 2002 (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Rice	1531.29	2932.20	2198.19	3163.44
Wheat	13.49	415.09	2649.38	1330.21

Source : Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Ministry of Commerce, Kolkata.

The foreign exchange earned by the country in US dollar terms will depend upon the ratescontracted by the exporters. The actual remittances received in the country would be higher than the value paid by the exporters to the FCI for purchasing the stocks.